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for the Internet)
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Examiner: Flynn, Kimberly D.)
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner Flynn:

This Paper responds to the non-final office action mailed on January 30, 2004, and is timely because it is being filed along with a petition for a three month extension of time. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define patentable subject matter, as discussed below.

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